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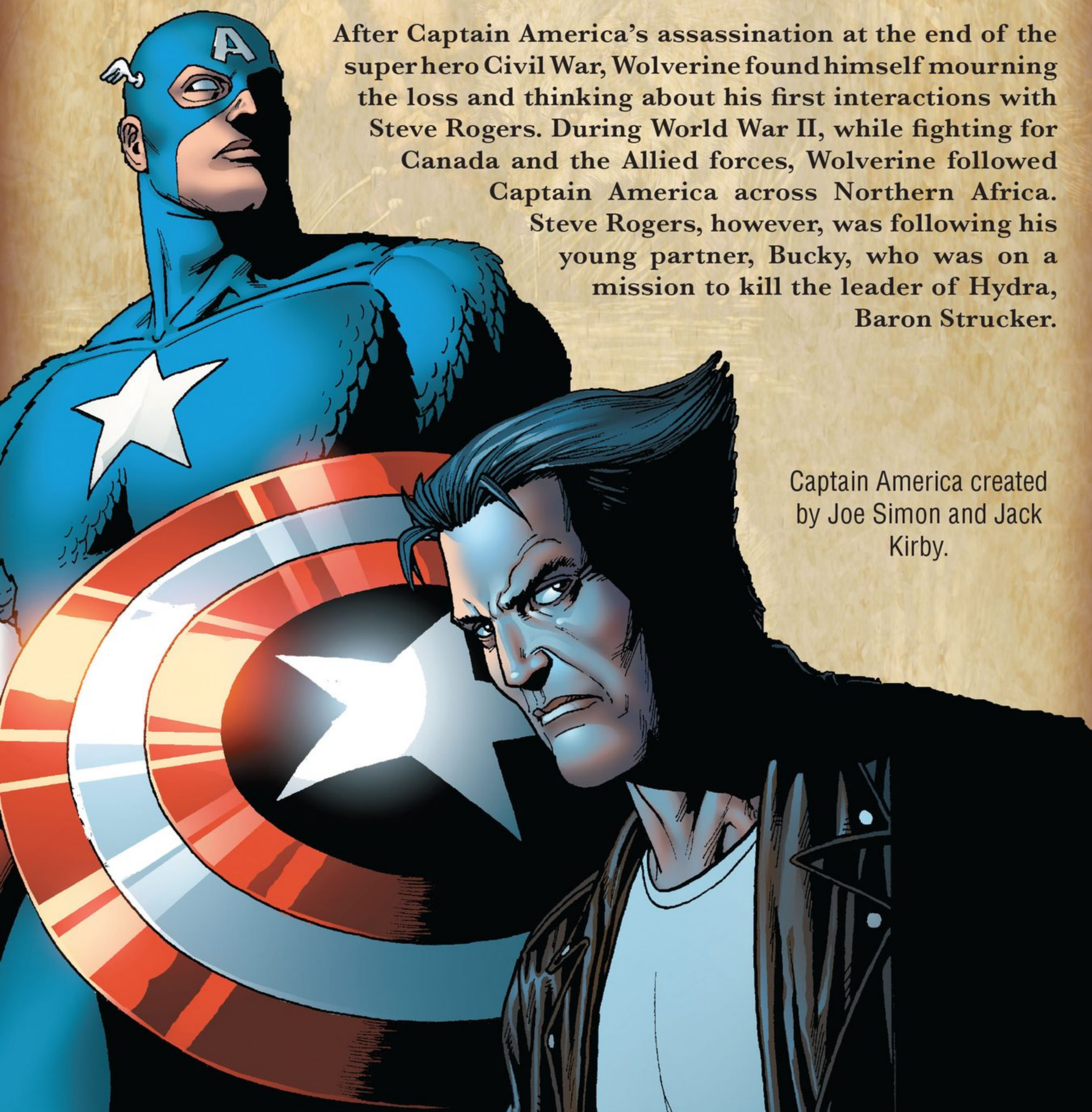
The mutant Wolverine has spent a century fighting those who would manipulate him for his unique powers—savage claws, heightened senses, and a healing factor capable of miracles. After repeated brainwashing, torture, and reprogramming, Wolverine's past was as much a mystery to him as to anyone. With those long lost memories finally returned to him, Wolverine has set out on a mission to punish the conspirators who have wronged him.

After Captain America's assassination at the end of the super hero Civil War, Wolverine found himself mourning the loss and thinking about his first interactions with Steve Rogers. During World War II, while fighting for Canada and the Allied forces, Wolverine followed Captain America across Northern Africa. Steve Rogers, however, was following his young partner, Bucky, who was on a mission to kill the leader of Hydra, Baron Strucker.



Captain America created by Joe Simon and Jack Kirby.

NOW:

SOMEBODY'S COMIN'.

AN' THERE HE GOES, NONE THE WISER.

WAS A TIME...

BACK THEN...

...WHEN IT NEVER WOULD'A EVEN *OCCURRED* TO ME TO PLAY IT NICE.

KRMP!

TCHAK!

OR QUIET.

BRRATTATTATTATTATTATTATTATTATTATT--

LOGAN!

YOU FOLLOWED ME.

'CAUSE *HE* WAS FOLLOWIN' AFTER *BUCKY*.

READIN' THE SITUATION, I COULD TELL THAT CAP HAD ASSUMED THE GUNFIRE WAS *BUCKY*-- EITHER PULLIN' THE TRIGGER OR DODGIN' THE BULLETS. THAT'S WHY HE CAME RUNNIN'.

MEANIN' HE HADN'T FOUND BUCKY YET.

PERFECT.

GOOD.

KEEP FOLLOWING ME.

GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE NOT *MAD*...

MAD? NO.

OUR WAR

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HYDRA...

...KINDA.

THERE'D BE OTHER, MORE POLISHED INCARNATIONS, BUT THIS WAS THE START OF IT ALL...

...WITH STRUCKER AT THE HEAD.

HE'D TAKEN EVERYTHING THAT'D WORKED SO WELL FOR HITLER--

SCHWEIGEN

THE USE OF ICONIC IMAGES...

THE ERADICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL...

THE ELEVATION OF LEADERS TO GOD-LIKE STATUS...

HAIL HYDRA!

...AN' MADE IT HIS OWN.

TO GOOD EFFECT.

HAIL HYDRA!

SCHWEIGEN

THE WESTERN SWINE HAVE INFILTRATED OUR RANKS.

BRING FORTH THE PRISONER!

WHEW!

THOUGHT HE WAS TALKIN' ABOUT--

BUCKY.

WAIT.

I REMEMBER THINKIN' THAT, IF I COULD SPOT IT FROM MORE'N *A HUNDRED METERS AWAY*, HOW THE HELL COULD *STRUCKER* NOT *SEE* IT?

BUCKY WASN'T BEIN' *LED TO HIS DEATH...*

...HE WAS GETTIN' A V.I.P. ESCORT TO HIS OBJECTIVE.

FOR THE GLORY OF HYDRA!

FOR THE GLORY OF HYDRA!
MIGHTY HYDRA!
MIGHTY HYDRA!
HAIL--!
ONE O' THE OLDEST PLAYS IN THE BOOK:
THE TROJAN HORSE.
KLOKK!
K- HUFK!
KRNSHHLCH!

'COURSE, THAT PLAY NEVER WOULD'A MADE IT *INTO* THE BOOK...

...IF THE TROJANS'D ONLY SENT IN *ONE GUY.*

IT WASN'T A *BAD* PLAN-- I MIGHT'A DONE THE SAME THING, COUNTIN' ON THERE BEIN' LOTS O' CHAOS AN' CONFUSION TO PROVIDE COVER FOR AN *ESCAPE.*

BUT STRUCKER'S MEN WEREN'T CONFUSED *AT ALL*--THEY'D BEEN TRAINED TO ACT *QUICKLY...*

...AN' AS *ONE.*

FOR THE GLORY OF HYDRAAAAAAHHHH!

DID I CARE, AT THAT POINT, WHETHER OR NOT BUCKY GOT RIPPED APART BY BRAINWASHED NAZI-WANNABE GOONS? NAH.

NOT REALLY.

BUT CAP DID.

...AN' I AIN'T NEVER BEEN ONE TO MISS OUT ON A GOOD, OL'-FASHIONED BLOODBATH.

BEST THING IN THE WORLD FOR RELIEVIN' TENSION-- AN' BACK THEN...

...I WAS *REALLY* TENSE.

LUCKY FOR US, THESE GUYS EITHER HADN'T BEEN ISSUED WEAPONS YET OR'D BEEN TOLD TO JUST NOT BRING 'EM TO THE ASSEMBLY.

SO IT WAS HAND-TO-HAND.

DOWN AN' DIRTY.

CAP?!

BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT WAS GONNA LAST-- SOONER OR LATER, SOMEBODY WAS GONNA SHOW UP WITH GUNS.

FIRE AT WILL!

MOW 'EM DOWN.

DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE *NICK FURY*, THOUGH.

FROM THE FIRST SHOT TO THE LAST, THE FIRE LASTED... *MAYBE* THIRTY SECONDS.

SNF!

JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO FIGURE OUT WHY STRUCKER DIDN'T SEE WHAT BUCKY WAS UP TO.

WELL, BOYS...?

WHAT SAY WE CALL IT A DAY?

NICE.
WHO TOOK OUT--?
THAT'S CLASSIFIED.
HM.
BETTER STAY THAT WAY...
...'CAUSE THAT'S NOT STRUCKER.
SON OF A...
...WHAT?!
LOOK, I'VE STUDIED EVERY FILE THE O.S.S. HAS ON STRUCKER--AND EVERY PHOTO, TOO.
NOW, THE PHOTOS ARE IN BLACK-AND-WHITE...BUT SO IS THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
SIX FEET, TWO INCHES... TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS...
...AND BLUE EYES.
THIS IS A STAND-IN...A BODY DOUBLE. A DECOY.
PRETTY NIFTY TRICK, HUH? I'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT ONE...

CAP, IF STRUCKER IS STILL *HERE*--

IF STRUCKER IS STILL *HERE*, WE'RE GOING TO *FIND* HIM.

AND BRING HIM IN.

ALIVE.

FURY WILL LEAD MY MEN TO ***ABARDA***--WE HAVE ***"FRIENDLIES"*** THERE THAT CAN ARRANGE FOR THEIR TRANSPORT BACK TO THE ***C.P. WE'RE*** GOING TO REMAIN BEHIND AND FIND ***STRUCKER.***

WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS: ***BUCKY***, YOU AND I WILL--

I'LL PARTNER WITH LO-

I'LL TAKE ***BUCKY.***

OF COURSE HE WANTED TO PARTNER WITH ME--HE DIDN'T WANT ME ANYWHERE ***NEAR*** CAP. THAT WAS ***FINE BY ME***, THOUGH...

FINE.

FURY, YOU'RE WITH ***ME.***

LET'S MOVE OUT.

...'CAUSE I STILL HAD SOME ***QUESTIONS*** FOR YOUNG ***JAMES BUCHANAN BARNES.***

TELL ME ABOUT 'IM.
TELL YOU ABOUT--?
YOU KNOW WHO.
CAPTAIN AMERICA.
READ THE COMIC BOOKS.
THEY'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.
IS IT DRUGS?
I'VE SEEN 'IM FIGHT--AN' HE DON'T FIGHT LIKE ANY NORMAL HUMAN MALE I'VE EVER SEEN.
SO...DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT KEEP 'IM DOPED-UP ON SOMETHIN'?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IT'S CALLED THE "SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM".
YEAH? SO HE'S, WHAT, A "GUINEA PIG"? IF IT TURNS OUT GOOD, ALL OF THE U.S. SOLDIERS'LL GET A DOSE?
THE DOCTOR WHO DEVELOPED THE SERUM WAS ASSASSINATED--THERE ARE NO MORE DOSES.
HM.
THIS IS ALL CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, OF COURSE--TECHNICALLY, I SHOULD KILL YOU NOW.
OR I COULD KILL YOU...

IN SELF-DEFENSE...

EVEN BACK THEN, YOUNG AS HE WAS, HE WAS GOOD...BUT I WAS *BETTER.*

HELL...

...I'M *STILL* BETTER.

WHUB!

HEKK!

NIGHTY-NIGHT, PUNK.

KLAK!

JUST CHOKED 'IM DOWN--DIDN'T WANT 'IM DEAD.

YET.

I'D ONLY GOTTEN ANSWERS TO *HALF* MY QUESTIONS--I'D GET THE OTHER HALF LATER. I KNEW THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BUCKY RUNNIN' AWAY--IF ANYTHING, IF HE WOKE UP, HE'D RUN RIGHT FOR ME.

STRUCKER, ON THE OTHER HAND...WELL, STRUCKER WAS--

SNF!

--RIGHT HERE, ACTUALLY.

IT IS FOR YOU.

I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO.

WHAT THE HELL WAS GOIN' ON?

COME, LOGAN...

...IT IS IMPOLITE TO KEEP A *LADY* WAITING, YES?

THEN I HEARD HER VOICE.

LOGAN?

ARE YOU THERE?

SERAPH?!

LOGAN, AN *AGREEMENT* HAS BEEN MADE.

YOU WILL *KILL* CAPTAIN AMERICA AND HIS PARTNER AND RETURN TO MADRIPOOR, *IMMEDIATELY.*

BARON VON STRUCKER IS TO BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS.

OBVIOUSLY, I DIDN'T KILL CAP *OR* BUCKY...BUT WHAT I DID *INSTEAD* DAMNED 'EM BOTH, *JUST THE SAME.*

AN' IT DIDN'T DO *ME* ANY FAVORS, *EITHER.*

TO BE CONCLUDED